

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1633**

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04853.0138-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Shinzo YASUDA et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1633
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Application No.: 10/594,417	)	Examiner: Scott LONG
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International Filing Date: March 25, 2005	)	
	)	Confirmation No.: 2159
371(c) Date: September 26, 2006	)	
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action mailed December 20, 2007.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.